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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO CONTROL ALLIED AUTOBAHN TRAFFIC

1. ON AUGUST 4, FRENCH OFFICER TRAVELLING FROM BERLIN TO HELMSTEDT IN PRIVATE VEHICLE WAS DETAINED FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES BY TWO VOPOS AT EAST GERMAN CHECKPOINT AT DREWITZ. VOPOS DEMANDED CARTON OF CIGARETTES FROM OFFICER, ON GROUNDS HE HAD NO RIGHT TO TRANSPORT SUCH ITEM. LATTER REFUSED, AND AFTER REQUEST TO SPEAK TO SOVIET OFFICER WAS DENIED, RETURNED TO SOVIET BARRIER. A FEW MOMENTS LATER EAST GERMAN GUARDS MOTIONED HIM FORWARD AND ALLOWED HIM TO PROCEED UNHINDERED, ALTHOUGH VOPOS DID NOT PICK UP LAUFZETTEL. INCIDENT WAS IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF SOVIET AUTHORITIES BY FRENCH, WITH REQUEST THAT THEY INVESTIGATE.

2. THIS INCIDENT FOLLOWS TWO EARLIER ATTEMPTS BY EAST GERMAN GUARDS
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AT MARIENBORN TO HOLD UP FRENCH OFFICIAL TRAVELLERS ON

GROUNDS THEY NEEDED TO BUY SPECIAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FOR AUTOBAHN. IN ONE INSTANCE, 29 JUNE, INEXPERIENCED TRAVELLER ACCEPTED EXPLANATION AND BOUGHT INSURANCE; IN OTHER, IN LATE JULY, TRAVELLER REFUSED AND WAS PERMITTED TO PROCEED. BOTH INCIDENTS WERE PROTESTED BY FRENCH TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES AS UNWARRANTED INTRUSION BY GDR OFFICIALS ON ESTABLISHED AUTOBAHN PROCEDURES.

3. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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